Committee are thereafter submitted for consideratin by Minister (Chemicals and Fertilizers) and after obtaining his approval the necessary Gazette notification is issued.

(e) Since such cases are far and few, no time frame has been stipulated, however, the Expert Committee meets as ofter as necessary.

Drip Irrigation Technology to Farmers of U.P.

1326. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken so far by Government to privide drip irrigation technology to The farmers of drought prone areas of»U.P.;

(b) the financial assistance provided under the scheme in these areas during last three years; and

(c) the estimated number of farmers who availed of this facility during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Governmnet of India has taken following action to promote drip irrigation technology to the farmers of U.P., including the farmers of drought prone areas.

(i) Subsidy support to farmers upto a ceiling of 50% of cost of drip system limited to Rs. 15,000 per ha. for the total area he/she owns as per the State Land Ceiling Laws.

(ii) Demonstration of 1 ha. each at State farms with financial assistance of 75% of cost or Rs. 22,500 wichever is less.

(iii) Training of the field staff and farmers.

(iv) Support for applied research at Plasticulture Development Centre.

(b) Funds released to U.P. State during last three years under the scheme of Use of Plastics in Agriculture, in which drip irrigation is one of the major item is as under;

1992-93	—	Rs. 125 lakhs
1993-94	—	Rs. 93.19 lakhs
1994-95	—	Rs. 101.25 lakhs

(c) The estimated number of farmers who have availed the drip irrigation facility are approximately 335 farmers till date.

Proposals for Welfare of Terrorism Affected and Rural Women and Children

1327. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answar to Unstarred Qestion 4280 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 1995 andstate:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for formulating more welfare schemes and programmes for rural and terrorism affected women/widows and children in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Efforts were being made to evolve and extend benefits through various programmes for women and children such as Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA). Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) Support to* Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) and Scheme of Short Stay Homes for women and children. These schemes are being implemented by the Deptt, of Women and Child Development. There is no scheme exclusively for terrorism affected women and children. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has several relief package for persons which includes widows and orphans adversely affected in terrorist violence in the State of Punjab.

A statement indicating the relief package is enclosed *(see* below)

(c) Does not arise.

Relief Package for Persons Adversely Affected in Terrorist Violence

1. *EX-GRAT1A GRANT*

Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- is paid to the next of kin of innocent civilians killed in terrorist violence/ by security forces in action or otherwise with effect from 1.3.1992.

2. *Lump Sum cash Relief*

Lump-sum cash relief, of Rs. 50,000/- is paid to the innocent civilians who sustain 100% disability on account of permanent loss of eye sight or injury causing complete immobilisation of legs or arms or any injury caused to the spinal cord in terrorist violence/by security forces in action or otherwise.

3. *Subsistence Allowance*

Subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs. 1000/- per month is admissible to the orphans, destitutes and 100% physically disabled persons rendered as such as a result of terrorist violence/by security forces in action or otherwise.

The rate of subsistence allowance has been enhanced from Rs. lOOOAper month to Rs. 1500/- per month for the terrorist affected widows w.e.f. 1.4.1992. Subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs. ISOO'- per month to both the parents or mother alone or father alone in case their only son or all sons (married or unmarried) are killed by terrorists and at the rate of Rs. 300/-per month to both the parents or mother alone, or father alone, if their any son is alive shall also be paid in addition to the subsistence allowance payable to the widow, w.e.f. 1.4.1992.

4. *Relief to Injured Persons*

Ex-gratia of Rs. 5000/- is admissible to injured depending upon the extent and nature of injury to be determined by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil). In addition, the injured persons are entitled to the reimbursement of entire expenditure incurred by him/ her on the indoor treatment in Goverment Hospitals or any other Hospital.

Special ex-gratia grant as detailed below is admissible to a person adversely affected as a result of terrorist violence/by security forces in action or otherwise:—

(a) In the event of permanent disability upto 25%.... Rs. 5,000/-

(b) In the event of Permanent disability above 25 % and less than 50%.... Rs. 10,000

(c) In the evenl> of Permanent disability above 50% and less than 100%.... Rs. 20,000/-

5. *Grant of Employment Under Priority Category No. 1*

Employment under priority category No. 1 is granted to one dependent of family of the persons killed in terrorist violence in the State of Punjab or to the dependent member of the family of the person rendered 100% permanent physically disability on this account.

6. *Compensation for Damage to Buildings, Merchandise and Private Vehicle*

Limit of compensation for demage to building, loss of merchandise and private vehicles has been enhanced from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. l,00,000/-with effect from 1.5.1990.

7. *Compensation for the loss of Household Goods.*

Limit of compensation for the loss of household goods has been enhanced from Rs. lO.OOty- to Rs. 50,00Cy- w.e.f. 1.5.90.

8. *Marriage Grant*

The rate of marriage grant has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. IOJOCXK for the marriage of each daughter/sister of person killed by terrorists/by security forces in action or otherwise and on the marriage of daughter/sister of the person who sustains 100% physical disability at the hands of terrorists/by security forces in action or otherwise.

9. *Facility of Free Education*

The facility of free education upto University level is available to the children of innocent civilians killed, 100% physically disabled by terrorists^ security forces in action or otherwise.

10. *Reservation in Professional Technical and Medical Colleges.*

2% seats are reserved in all professional, technical and medical colleges for the children of persons eligible for free education by adjustment in the present arrangement or otherwise but in no case the reservation is to exceed 50 per cent.

11. *Loans by PUNWAC*

The widows of persons killed in terrorists -violence are entitled to interest free loan by PUNWAC with subsidy at the following rates:

(a) If the loan scheme is for*Rs. 5,fXKK subsidy will be 50%.

(b) If the loans scheme is from Rs. 500V- to Rs. 10,000/- the subsidy will be 40%

(c) If the loans scheme is from Rs. 10,00V- to Rs. 20,000/- the subsidy will be 25%.

No surety is necessary for loans upto Rs. 5,000/- inclusive of capital subsidy. The entire loan shall be "repayable within five years in' quarterly instalments.

12. Allotment of LIG Houses residential plots commercial sites.

2% LIG house, residential plots, commercial plots, shops and 10% booths shall be reserved for allotment on normal terms and conditions to the following categories:—

(a) Widows
(b) Orphans
(c) Destitutes
(d) 100% physically disabled

Loans to organisation under National Wo-men Fund in Tamil Nadu

1328. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-Government organisations/corporations engaged in the field of women development in Tamil Nadu which have been provided with loans by the Central Government under National Women's Fund during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the method of spending of this amount by the organisation; and

(c) the number of women benefited from this scheme in the States?

THE MINSTER OF STATE (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (a) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh provides loans to women. A statement on the loans to organisations in Tamil Nadu is enclosed, (see below).

(b) The organisations on-lends the loan amount to poor women for income generation activities.

(c) Number of women beneficiaries identified during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 is 15490 and 3093 respectively.